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- The Bierut coal mine is located at Jaworzno (Q51/Y76), ul. Krakowska. It is subject to the authority of the Association of the Coal Industry at Jaworzno and Mikolow (Jaworznicko-Mikolowskie Zjednoczenie Przemyslu Weglowego-J-MZPW).
- The administration is broken down as follows: chief director; technical manager (chief engineer); works' council; Party secretary and P.O.P. (Basic Party Organization); technical office; pitmens' office; personnel section; and the bookkeeping and payment office.
- The Bierut coal mine is an old Polish mine. 3.
- It covers an area of approximately 300 by 500 m and consists of the following installations (The following numbers refer to the attached sketch):
  - l ul. Krakowska
  - 2 ul. 1 Maja
  - two-story concrete building, 10 x 15 x 6 m, dispensary.
  - main gate to the coal mine
    - one-story concrete building, 4 x 10 x 3 m, guardroom, office of labor battalion 1635 officer on duty, and telephone exchange
  - 6 one-story concrete building, 4 x 25 x 3 m, workers' and soldiers' canteen (snack bar).
  - 6 a small storage room filled with bottles containing acid.
  - one-story concrete building, 4 x 10 x 3 m, garage for the fire guard, one Studebaker truck parked in it.
  - wooden barracks, 4 x 4 x 2.5 m, tool distribution point

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- 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 refrigerating installations, wooden construction, 6 x 6 x 8 m.
- 14 one-story concrete building, 6 x 20 x 5 m, mechanics' and electricians' workshop
- 15 three-story concrete building, 12 x 35 x 10 m, bathing facilities for workers, recreation room (swietlica), pitmens' office, first-aid station, storage room for workers' suits.
- 16 power station
- 17 storage room for miners' lamps
- 18 one-story concrete building, 6 x 8 x 5m, mining engines
- 19 coal-pit, 4 x 4 x 200 m.
- 20 coal sorter
- 21 coal pit, 4 x 5 x 220 m.
- 22 forge
- 23 coal sorter
- 24 one-story concrete building, 6 x 8 x 5 m, mining engine
- 25 railway siding to coal sorter
- 26 railway siding to the main railway station at Jaworzno
- 27 hedge, 2 m high, with barbed wire on top
- 27 a barbed wire fence, 2 m high
- 5. The daily amount of coal produced is 1600 tons. In February 1954 this coal mine was placed second among the coal mines subject to the Association of the Coal Industry at Jaworzno and Mikolow because of having filled the quota 104%.
- 6. The equipment consists of old German machines. In 1953, the coal mine received two new electric drills of Czech make. For transportation three trucks (1 Fiat and 2 Star) and two passenger cars (EMW and IFA, East German make) are being used.
- 7. At this mine, 900 civilian workers and 700 soldiers from Labor Battalion 1635 are employed. They work in three shifts as follows:
  - a. from 0600 hrs to 1400 hrs;
  - b. from 1400 hrs to 2200 hrs;
  - c. from 2200 hrs to 0600 hrs.
- 8. The area is surrounded partly by a hedge and partly by a barbed wire fence, approximately two m high, and is guarded by a detachment of the Industrial Guard (ca. 25 men). Civilian workers possess passes with photos, stamped every three months; the soldiers are commanded by an officer of Labor Battalion 1635 and by NCO leaders of the work groups.

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